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I. CLAIMS APPEALED

The appealed claims are claims 1, 6-11, and 15-22, grouped together; claims 2-5 grouped together; and claims 12-14, grouped together.

II. REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ARGUMENTS

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner has equated a component modified by the template builder 400 of Buxton as being the "output from a command line utility" recited in the claims. Examiner's Answer at 4. To do so, the Examiner has to equate the template builder 400 with the command line utility recited in the claims. That is not a reasonable construction. The template builder 400 includes a graphical user interface (GUI) 402 and an editor module 404 that enables a user to selectively modify functionalities contained within a base component 300 (*see*

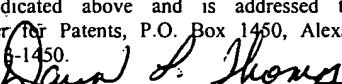
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Figure 3A of Buxton). Buxton, 11:12-47; 12:43-52. Neither the GUI 402 nor the editor module 404 of the template builder 400 can reasonably be construed as a command line utility.

The Examiner commits an even more fundamental error in stating that Buxton teaches storing the command line utility output in a system storage at a location *identified by a received identifier*. Even if the modified component from the template builder 400 can be considered the output from a command line utility, the storing of such a command line utility output is not in a system storage at a location identified by a received identifier. The Examiner equates a user-entered descriptive name of a template as being the identifier. Examiner's Answer at 4. This user-entered name is entered through a dialog box in the GUI 402 of the template builder 400. However, the name of the template does *not* identify a location for storing the modified component from the template builder 400. The name entered by the user is descriptive of the template, but clearly, the user-entered name does not identify a location to store the template. Therefore, even assuming the modified component from the template builder 400 can be considered the command line utility output, such output is not stored at a location identified by a received identifier.

Moreover, as noted above, the modified component, edited in an editor module 404 of the template builder 400, cannot be considered an output of a command line utility. Equating the command line utility recited in the claims to the editor module 404 or any other component of the template builder 400 is an unreasonable construction of the term "command line utility."

The Examiner makes reference to Buxton's discussion of a user interface to a component system 200 that can be a command line interpreter. Examiner's Answer at 6 (citing Buxton at column 8, lines 46-47). However, the user interface is for invoking the template builder 204

column 8 thus does not produce an output that is stored in a location identified by a received identifier.

In view of the foregoing, and Applicant's arguments set forth in the Appeal Brief, it is respectfully submitted that the final rejections of claims 1, 6-11, and 15-22 be reversed.

The Examiner also commits error in the Examiner's arguments with respect to claim 2. The Examiner states that Buxton teaches receiving an identifier that identifies one or more entries in a system registry database. In making this rejection, the Examiner states that how the identifier of one or more entries in a system registry database is used is not a claim limitation. Applicant disagrees, because the identifier of the one or more entries in a system registry database identifies a location for storing the command line utility output. In other words, the identifier received cannot be just any identifier--such identifier must identify a location for storing the output of a command line utility.

Although the components of Buxton may register themselves in the registry 250 (Buxton 9:5-7), such registration does not produce an identifier of one or more entries in a system registry database for storing command line utility output.

The Examiner also cites to column 14, lines 1-4, of Buxton as teaching that each template 420 comprises initialization data 425, user instructions 445, and one or more registry keys or subkeys 450. Examiner's Answer at 5. However, the registry keys or subkeys 450 in the template does not constitute an identifier of a storage location for storing command line utility output.

The Examiner also cites to column 14, lines 9-11, of Buxton as teaching that additional data to identify and register the component is also saved in the ISTREAM and ISTORAGE.

However, ISTREAM and ISTORAGE do not constitute entries of a system registry database, so it is unclear why such citation is relevant to the recited claims.

The Examiner also makes reference to the keys 450 discussed in column 14 of Buxton as being relevant to the claimed invention. Such keys are contained in the template 420, and do not identify one or more entries in a system registry database for storing command line utility output.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the final rejections of claims 2-5 be reversed.

With respect to claim 12, the Examiner points to lines 1-9 of column 3 of Buxton as teaching the following element: "wherein the act of storing comprises associating each line of command line utility output with a line identifier in the system storage." Column 3, lines 1-9, of Buxton refers to storing a plurality of templates in a computer system that includes a memory having one or more locations, with the apparatus having means for indexing one more locations within the memory, and a template stored in a least one of the memory locations. However, the indexing of one or more locations and storing a template in at least one of the locations does not necessarily imply that a line identifier for each line of a command line utility output is provided. In fact, there is absolutely no reason within the system of Buxton to perform the association of a line identifier with each line of a command line utility output. The stored templates are files that are identified by a given name from a user. There is no need within Buxton of associating each line of a command line utility output with a line identifier in the system storage.

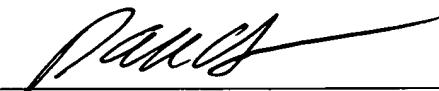
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the final rejections of claims 12-14 be reversed.

For the foregoing reasons, as well as the reasons set forth in the Appeal Brief, Applicant requests that each of the final rejections be reversed and that the claims subject to this appeal be allowed to issue.

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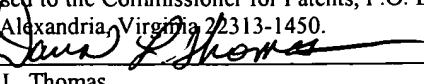
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